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WASHINGTON, September 10, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 4 totaled an estimated 15.2 billion ton-miles, 18.6 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 36 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 562.1 billion ton-miles, 11.2 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 4 totaled 362,793 cars, 19.7 percent below 1981, but virtually no change from the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 23.1 percent in the East, 16.1 percent in the South, and 19.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Eleven of the 21 groups increased from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 28 totaled 41,110 cars, up 14.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 67,291 trailers and/or containers, 3.0 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 35 weeks of the year was 1,260,083 cars, 9.2 percent higher than last year, and 2,221,003 trailers and/or containers, up 6.8 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/4/82:

	Loadings in Week ended September 4, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,852	D	5,244	18.0	D	1,869	7.3
Other farm products	2,966	I	270	10.0	D	98	3.2
Metallic ores	13,741	D	24,320	63.9	D	499	3.5
Coal	111,498	D	23,620	17.5	D	2,325	2.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,272	D	2,139	17.2	D	299	2.8
Nonmetallic minerals	9,327	D	3,372	26.6	I	503	5.7
Grain mill products	11,846	D	2,130	15.2	I	129	1.1
Food and kindred products	13,473	D	2,069	13.3	I	45	0.3
Primary forest products	13,662	D	3,641	21.0	D	330	2.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,174	D	762	11.0	D	197	3.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,651	D	4,112	20.8	D	556	3.4
Chemicals and allied products	22,148	D	3,986	15.3	I	1,588	7.7
Petroleum products	4,958	D	327	6.2	D	83	1.6
Stone, clay and glass products	10,903	D	2,605	19.3	I	134	1.2
Coke	4,376	D	2,373	35.2	I	217	5.2
Metals and products	8,072	D	7,988	49.7	I	750	10.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,002	I	1,294	10.2	I	759	5.7
Waste and scrap materials	7,470	D	4,299	36.5	D	27	0.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,115	D	902	9.0	I	273	3.1
All other carloads	48,963	I	3,347	7.3	I	1,859	3.9
LCL traffic	324	I	105	47.9	I	125	62.8
Total Cars Loaded	362,793	D	88,873	19.7	I	99	0.0
Corresponding week of 1981	451,666						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (36 weeks)	13,163,493	15,064,756	D 12.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
35 Weeks cumulative	546.8	614.4	D 11.0
Week ended September 4	15.2	18.7	D 18.6
36 Weeks cumulative	562.1	633.1	D 11.2

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